TO: **PA DOC Secretary Laurel Harry**
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FROM: **International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal**
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Campaign to Bring Mumia Home
Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition NYC
Mumia Health Committee

Dear Secretary Harry -

We demand immediate comprehensive medical treatment, including treatment for cataracts and diabetic retinopathy, for **Mumia Abu-Jamal** (**Wesley Cook, AM#8335**), in transition to his ultimate exoneration and freedom.

In addition to his vision issues, Mumia suffers from congestive heart disease, complications of untreated Hepatitis C, and diabetic retinopathy. Delays in his medical treatment over the past nine months now threaten him with permanent blindness.

New York State's **Master Plan for Aging**, (led by Governor Kathy Hochul), recommends both immediate release and expert medical care be provided to aging incarcerated people. We urge Pennsylvania to adopt a similar framework with regards to the incarceration of aging prisoners.

Across Pennsylvania, elders in prison face similar medical neglect and overly prolonged incarceration. Like Mumia, they are often denied timely medical care and unnecessary separation from their families. Evidence and professional analyses confirm that prisoners age out of crime and can safely be released, and that life sentences do not necessarily enhance public safety.

At 71 years of age, Mumia is personally subjected to institutional elder abuse. Court-documented neglect has caused a medically induced diabetic coma, liver cirrhosis, congestive heart failure, and now threatens his vision due to repeated delays in ophthalmological care.

The time for decisive action is now. We urge you to ensure Mumia Abu-Jamal receives immediate comprehensive eye treatment, timely ongoing monitoring, and access to all medical records for his legal and medical representatives.

We also strongly advocate that all incarcerated people to have access to clean water and healthy food appropriate to their medical condition.